Orders heeretofore conceiued and agreed to bee publiſhed, by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the Citie of London, and the Iuſtices of Peace of the Counties of Middleſex and Surrey, by direction from the Lords of his Maiſteies moſt Honourable Priuie Councell, and now thought fit to be reuiued, and againe publiſhed.

WHereas in the firſt yeare of his Maieſties moſt happie reigne ouer this Realme of England, an Act was made for the charitable reliefe, and ordering of perſons infected with the Plague: Whereby Authoritie is giuen to Iuſtices of Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, and other head-Officers, to appoint within their ſeuerall limits Examiners, Searchers, Watchmen, keepers, and buryers for the perſons and places infected, and to miniſter vnto them Oathes for performance of their Offices. And the ſame Statute alſo authorizeth the giuing of other directions, as vnto them for the preſent neceſſity, ſhall ſeeme good in their diſcretions. It is therefore vpon ſpeciall conſideration thought very expedient, for the preuenting and auoyding of the infection of Sickneſſe (if it ſhall pleaſe Almighty God) which is now dangerouſly diſperſed into many places within the Citie and Suburbs of the ſame: that theſe Officers following bee appointed, and theſe Orders hereafter preſcribed be duly obſerued.

Examiners be appointed in euerie Pariſh.

FIrſt, it is thought requiſite, and ſo ordered, that in euery pariſh there be one, two, or more perſons of good ſort and credite, choſen and appointed by the Alderman his Deputie, and Common Councell of euery Ward, and by the Iuſtices of Peace in the Counties, by the name of Examiners, to continue in that Office the ſpace of two moneths at leaſt: and if any fit perſons ſo appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe to vndertake the ſame, the ſaid parties ſo refuſing, to bee committed to priſon vntill they ſhall conforme themſelues accordingly.

The Examiners Office.

THat theſe Examiners be ſworne by the Alderman, or by one of the Iuſtices of the County, to enquire and learne from time to time, what houſes in euery pariſh bee viſited, and what perſons be ſicke, and of what diſeaſes, as neere as they can informe themſelues, and vpon doubt in that caſe, to command reſtraint of acceſſe, vntil it appeare what the diſeaſe ſhall proue: and if they find any perſons ſicke of the infection, to giue order to the Conſtable, that the houſe be ſhut vp: and if the Conſtable ſhall be found remiſſe or negligent, to giue preſent notice thereof to the Alderman, or the Iuſtice of Peace reſpectiuely.

Watchmen.

THat to euery infected houſe there be appointed two Watchmen, one for the day, and the other for the night: and that theſe Watchmen haue a ſpeciall care that no perſon goe in or out of ſuch infected houſes, whereof they haue the charge, vpon paine of ſeuere puniſhment. And the ſaid Watchmen to doe ſuch further Offices as the ſicke houſe ſhall neede and require: and if the Watchman be ſent vpon any buſines, to locke vp the houſe, and take the key with him: and the Watchman by day to attend vntill ten of the clocke at night: and the Watchman by night till ſixe in the morning.

Chirurgions

That there be a speciall care, to appoint Women Searchers in euery parish, such as are of honest reputation, and of the best sort as can bee got in this kinde: and these to be sworne to make due search and true report, to the vtmost of their knowledge, whether the persons, whose bodies they are appointed to search, do dye of the Infection, or of what other diseases as neere as they can. And for their better assistance herein, forasmuch as there hath bene heretofore great abuse in misreporting the disease, to the further spreading of the Infection: It is therefore ordered, that there be chosen and appointed three able and discreet Surgeons, besides those three that do already belong to the Pest-house: amongst whom, the City and Liberties to bee quartered, as the places lye most apt and conuenient: and euery of these five to haue one quarter for his limit: and the said Chirurgeons in euery of their limits, to ioyne with the Serchers, for the view of the body, to the end there may be a true report made of the disease.

And further, that the said Chirurgeons shall visite and search such sicke persons as shall eyther send for them, or be named and directed vnto them by the Examiners of euery parish, and informe themselues of the disease of the said parties.

And forasmuch as the saide Chirurgeons are to be sequestred from all other Cures, and kept onely to this disease of the Infection: It is ordred, That euery of the saide Chirurgeons, shall haue twelue pence a body searched by them, to be paide out of the goods of the party searched, if he be able, or otherwise by the parish.

Orders concerning Infected Houses, and Persons sicke of the Plague.

Notice to be giuen of the sicknes.

The Master of euery house, as soone as any one in his house complayneth, eyther of botch, of purple, or swelling in any part of his body, or falleth otherwise dangerously sicke, without apparant cause of some other disease, shall giue knowledge thereof to the Examiner of health within two houres after the said signe shall appeare.

Sequestration of the sicke.

As soone as any man shall be found by this Examiner, Chirurgeon or Searcher, to be sick of the plague, he shall the same night be sequestred in the same house. And in case he bee so sequestred, then though he afterwards die not, the house wherein he sickned, shall bee shut vp for a moneth, after the vse of due preseruatiues taken by the rest.

Ayring of the stuffe.

For sequestration of the Goods and Stuffe of the Infected, their Bedding, and Apparell and hangings of Chambers, must bee well ayred with fire, and such perfumes as are requisite within the infected house before they be taken againe to vse, this to be done by the appointment of the Examiner.

Shuting vp of the house

If any person shall haue visited any man, knowne to be infected of the plague, or entred willingly into any knowne infected house, being not allowed: the house wherein hee inhabiteth shall be shut vp for certaine dayes, by the Examiners direction.

None to be remoued out of infected houses, but

Item, that none be remoued out of the house where he falleth sicke of the infection, into any other house in the City, Burrough, or County (except it be to the Pesthouse or a Tent, or vnto some such house, which the owners of the said visited house holdeth in his owne hands, and occupieth by his owne seruants) and so as security be giuen to the parish, whether such remoue is made, that the attendance and charge about the said visited persons, shall be obserued & charged in all the particularities before expressed, without any cost of that parish, to which any such remoue shall happen to be made, and this remoue to be done by night. And it shall be lawfull to any person that hath two houses, to remoue either his sound or his infected people, to his spare house at his choice, so as if he send away first his sound, he may not after send thither his sicke; nor againe vnto the sicke the sound: and that the same which he sendeth be for one weeke at the least shut vp, and secluded from company for feare of some infection, at the first not appearing.

Buriall of the dead.

That the Buriall of the dead by this visitation bee at most conuenient houres, allwayes eyther before Sun-rising, or after Sunne-setting, with the priuity of the Churchwardens or Constables, and not otherwise, and that no Neighbours nor Friends be suffered to accom-

pany the Coarſe to Church, or to enter the houſe viſited, vppon paine of hauing his houſe ſhut vp or be impriſoned.

No infected ſtuffe to bee vttered.

That no Clothes, Stuffe, Bedding or Garments be ſuffered to be carried or conuayed out of any infected houſes, and that the Cryers and carriers abroad of Bedding or old Apparrell, to be ſold or pawned, be vtterly prohibited and reſtrained: and no Brokers of Bedding, or old Apparrell be permitted to make any outward ſhow, or hang forth on their Stals, Shop-boards, or Windowes, towards any Street, Lane, common Way or paſſage, any olde Bedding or Apparrell to be ſold, vpon paine of impriſonment: and if any Broaker or other perſon ſhall buy any Bedding, Apparrell, or other Stuffe out of any infected houſe, within two moneths after the infection hath beene there, his houſe ſhall be ſhut vp as infected, and ſo ſhall continue ſhut vp twenty dayes at the leaſt.

If any perſon viſited doe fortune, by negligent looking vnto, or by any other meanes, to come or bee conueyed from a place infected, to any other place, the pariſh from whence ſuch party hath come, or bene conueyed, vpon notice thereof giuen, ſhal at their charge cauſe the ſaid party ſo viſited and eſcaped, to be carried and brought backe againe by night, and the parties in this caſe offending, to be puniſhed at the direction of the Alderman of the Ward, and the Juſtices of the Peace reſpectiuely: and the houſe of the receiuer of ſuch viſited perſon, to bee ſhut vp for twenty dayes.

Euery viſited houſe to be marked.

That euery houſe viſited bee marked with a redde Croſſe of a foote long, in the middle of the doore, euident to be ſeene, and with theſe vſuall printed Words: that is to ſay, LORD haue mercy vpon vs, to be let cloſe ouer the ſame Croſſe, there to continue vntill lawfull opening of the ſame houſe.

Euery viſited houſe to be watched.

That the Conſtables ſee euery houſe ſhut vp, and to bee attended with Watchmen, which may keepe them in, and miniſter neceſſaries vnto them at their owne charges (if they be able) or at the common charge if they be vnable: the ſhutting vp to be for the ſpace of foure weekes after all be whole.

That preciſe order be taken that the Searchers, Chirurgions, Keepers, and Buriers are not to paſſe the ſtreets, without holding a red Rod or Wand of three foote in length in their hands open or euident to be ſeene, and are not to go into any other houſe then into their owne, or into that whereunto they are directed or ſent for, but to forbeare and abſtaine from company, eſpecially when they haue bene lately vſed in any ſuch buſineſſe or attendance.

And to this end it is ordred, that a Weekely Tax be made in euery pariſh viſited, if in the Citie or Borrough then vnder the hand of the Alderman of the Ward, where the place is viſited: if neither of the Counties, then vnder the handes of ſome of the Juſtices next to the place viſited, who (if there be cauſe) may extend the Tax into other pariſhes alſo, and may giue warrant of diſtreſſe againſt them which ſhall refuſe to pay: and for want of diſtreſſe or for aſſiſtance, to commit the offenders to priſon, according to the Statute in that behalfe.

¶ Orders for clenſing and keeping ſweete of the Streets.

The ſtreetes to bee kept cleane.

Firſt it is thought very neceſſary, and ſo ordered, That euery houſe-holder do cauſe the ſtreet to be daily pared before his doore, and ſo to keepe it cleane ſwept all the Weeke long.

That the rakers take it from out the houſes.

That the ſweeping and filth of houſes to bee daily carried away by the Rakers, and that the Raker ſhall giue notice of his comming by the blowing of a horne, as heeretofore hath beene done.

Layſtals to be made far off from the City.

That the Layſtalles be remoued as farre as may bee out of the City, and common paſſages, and that no Night-man or other be ſuffered to emptie a Vault into any Garden, neere about the City.